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Gentle people,

I would like to add my voice to the chorus of people objecting to the settlement with Microsoft. It will not blunt this particularly ruthless and amoral company's continued quashing of competition. Their recent and transparently self-serving attempt to bribe their way into domination of the education market by "giving" away their products to school as recompense for their guilty monopolists behavior should reveal this to even the most technologically and business-illiterate in the legal community.

I am particularly concerned with the loophole that requires them to play nice only with other business entities, not not-for-profit entities. Everybody knows the non-profit institutions of the Open Software movement are prime competition to Microsoft's extending their domination beyond the desktop, yet this is precisely the area of competition Microsoft is free to trample, according to the settlement.

This settlement does not due justice to Microsoft's criminal behavior nor effectively prevent them from continuing it.

Thank you.

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